WBSCM

What Is WBSCM?

WBSCM is the acronym for Web Based Supply Chain Management. WBSCM is the project that will implement a modern Web Based Supply Chain Management system using Systems, Application, and Products in Data Processing (SAP)commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) enterprise resource planning (ERP) technology. This new system will replace the 25 year old Processed Commodity Inventory Management System (PCIMS) and related systems such as ECOS. WBSCM is expected to streamline the procurement, delivery, and management of more than 200 commodities and 4.5 million tons of food through domestic and foreign feeding programs operated throughout the world.

Why do this?

- Replace old architecture
- Integrate applications supporting commodity programs
- Standardize business processes
- Streamline administration tasks and stakeholder interactions

Benefits

USDA

- One standardized, integrated, transparent, and efficient end-to-end process for USDA/USAID supply chain management
- Built-in best practices for procurement, financial management, supply chain management
- Automated, useful reports and easy generation of non-standard reports
- Single, authoritative, timely, source of data
- Automated, paperless workflow with few manual processes and reduced hand-offs

For Our Stakeholders

- Enhanced reporting capabilities for standard and ad hoc reports
- Data elements streamlined (i.e., eliminate duplication)
- Access to real time transaction data
- Shipping notices supplied by Vendors so Receivers will know product is on the way
- Shipment receipts will initiate Over/Short/Damaged processing

Challenges

- Multiple agencies need to agree on procedures, processes for the new system
- WBSCM needs to satisfy both domestic and international requirements
- Changing legislation
- Changing business models (Request for Proposal (RFP), Auction, Long Term Contracts)

Planned Project Activities for Calendar Year 2009

First Quarter

- Finalize WBSCM data standards
- Finalize SAP COTS configuration and development
- Develop Communication and Training Strategy

Second Quarter

- Complete development of system interfaces and file upload/download capabilities
- Conversion of existing data
- Develop Training Schedules and Scenarios
- Complete Integration Testing

Third Quarter
• Complete User Acceptance Testing
• Complete USDA Training

Fourth Quarter/First Quarter 2010
• Execute External User Training – Customers, Vendors, National Warehouses
• Go Live!

What's Next?

This newsletter is the first in a series of information that will be distributed to help everyone get prepared for the implementation of WBSCM. Additionally as WBSCM is developed, FNS will be participating in demonstrations of the functionality. These "playbacks' will be recorded and subsequently shown to applicable groups.
In 2009 as part of the overall effort to get stakeholders ready for WBSCM, we will be demonstrating WBSCM functionality at industry conferences including ACDA, SNA, FDPIR, and CSFP.

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